

HONORING CHARLOTTE NEWFELD

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an important member of the Chicago community, Charlotte Newfeld, who celebrated her 80th birthday on November 26.

Charlotte has long been an outstanding activist in the community since she moved to Chicago in the 1950s. Since then, she has been a marathon runner of community activism, tackling a myriad of important issues.

One such issue is her dedication to equal rights for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. Among other accomplishments, she helped establish the Chicago Mayor's Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues and lobbied for the passage of the city's gay-inclusive human rights ordinance. In 1996, she was inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as a Friend of the Community.

Additionally, Charlotte has been a vocal green advocate and environmentalist. Serving as the project director of the Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, she organizes volunteers to keep the area clean and safe. Due to her steadfast dedication to the eight acres of the sanctuary, she has earned the nickname some have given her, "the Jarvis Earth mother."

Twenty years ago, I saw firsthand the tenacity and dedication with which Charlotte pursued every issue she found important, from LGBT and environmental issues to an organization we founded together: CUBS, or Citizens United for Baseball in Sunshine. The community would be better off if we had more people like her.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Charlotte Newfeld for her years of service and to thank her for 80 great and dedicated years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE ONORATO, DISTINGUISHED NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Senator George Onorato, a distinguished public servant who will be retiring from the New York State Legislature at the end of the current session. Throughout his career, George Onorato has devoted himself to his country and to public service.

In recognition of his lifetime of service to others, Senator Onorato was honored last month by the Tamiment Democratic Club in Astoria, New York. George Onorato has served as the Chair of its Board of Directors since 1972, and this year is marking his sixth decade as an active Club member. As its Male District Leader, he has helped ensure the Tamiment Club's premier status as one of the largest and most active Democratic political clubs in all of Queens County. He is a lifelong resident of the western Queens commu-

nity that he has served as an elected official with distinction for more than a quarter century.

A compassionate, dedicated public servant, Senator Onorato is deservedly respected by colleagues on both sides of the aisle in both chambers of the New York State Legislature. Since first being elected to represent the people of his beloved Queens in the New York State Senate in 1983, he has successfully sponsored legislation to preserve and improve the quality of life for consumers, tenants, the environment, members and fellow veterans of the U.S. armed forces, and the elderly, including hundreds of thousands of Medicare patients. He has served in the Senate leadership since 1992, currently holding the position of Assistant Majority Leader and the Senate Majority's Liaison to the Executive Branch. Drawing on the keen understanding of the needs of working men and women that he developed while serving for a decade and a half as Secretary/Treasurer of Bricklayer's Local #41, George Onorato is Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Labor. He has also been a champion of the environment and in particular on issues involving air quality and on waterfront development. He has also been a passionate and effective advocate for providing more affordable housing for the elderly and for moderate and low income New Yorkers. He is a past President of the Conference of Italian American Legislators.

In addition to his long and distinguished tenure as a New York State Senator, George Onorato served heroically in our nation's armed forces. He earned a Presidential Citation for his service in the United States Army, 118th Medical Battalion from 1950 to 1952. Steadfast in his devotion to his fellow veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces, he sponsored legislation providing student aid to Vietnam veterans, and in 1997 introduced a measure to increase the level of such funding. He sponsored and supported legislation to help develop a database for research on dioxin-related birth defects of children born to Vietnam veterans. And in 2003, Senator Onorato helped found the bipartisan New York State Armed Forces Legislative Caucus.

In addition to his dedicated public service, George Onorato is deeply devoted to his family and his faith. He is married to the former Athena Georgakakos. They have three adult children, Joanne, George and Janice, and six grandchildren. His wife regularly accompanies him to legislative sessions in Albany, where the two of them are a universally admired and inseparable couple.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of his courageous wartime service to our country in the United States Army, to the people of the State of New York, and to his beloved family, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me to pay tribute to the enormous contributions to civic life made by the Honorable George Onorato.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN "JACK" HENRY FRIEND, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Jack Friend, a respected Mobile

businessman, historian and author who recently passed away at the age of 81.

A consummate scholar, a lover of military traditions and the foremost authority on the Civil War history of Mobile Bay, Jack Friend was passionate about Mobile and its past.

A native of Mobile, Jack Friend was a graduate of McGill Institute, the Virginia Military Institute, and the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

Jack proudly served in the U.S. Army as a 1st Lieutenant and tank company commander in Korea. His deep reverence for military service and his country were an important part of Jack's life.

After his military service, he founded a market research company in Mobile which he headed for some 25 years.

Jack made his mark as a local military historian. In 2004, he wrote the definitive work on the Civil War history of Mobile Bay—"West Wind, Flood Tide: The Battle of Mobile Bay."

Jack was also a lover of the outdoors, sports fishing and local wildlife and was a member of many civic and historic organizations in Baldwin and Mobile counties.

I wish to extend my condolences to Jack's family for their loss: his wife, Venetia Friend; his sons, John Friend and Danner Friend; and his sister, Emily Bayle; and five grandchildren. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DONALD WILLIAMS, SR.

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to join with students, parents, friends and staff of Mr. Donald Williams, Sr., to pay tribute to him as he steps back from his intense community involvement including his work with the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center. I have had the privilege of working on many civic and community activities with Don throughout the years, and am delighted to honor him today.

Don Williams, Sr. received his Bachelor's degree in special education at Eastern Michigan University and went on to receive a Master's degree in educational administration from West Virginia University. Assuming responsibility for the administration of special colleges at Rutgers University was the beginning of Don's career, which has spanned over 30 years of experience in the administration of special programs with special emphasis and political sensitivity.

Throughout his career, Don has received widespread recognition for his considerable talent in assisting minority students. In 1980, his devotion to improving opportunities for minority youth led him to Grand Rapids, when he was approached by a group of educators and professionals working to create a residential training center for youth. This position led Don to be named Director of the Minority Business Education Center at the prestigious F.E. Seidman School of Business at Grand Valley State University. In 1989, he was named GVSU Dean of Minority Affairs/Multicultural Center. During his service at GVSU, Don coordinated and developed programs to assist minority students on campus, and created a

very visible and dynamic outreach to other community organizations and activities, including development of the Minority Teacher Education Center and Minority Science Education Center. For the past several years, Don has devoted his time and talents to the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center, an organization that provides quality job training and education so students can become equipped with the skills and self-discipline necessary for success in today's workforce.

Don has been recognized by the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce as Minority Advocate of the Year, has received the coveted Liberty Bell award from the Grand Rapids Bar Association, and was named the Walter E. Coe Giant for Outstanding Community Service in 1991. In 2008, he received special recognition from the Grand Rapids community by being named their "Giant Among Giants."

When Don received the Giants award, I wrote him that his life is notable because of his commitment to ending racial inequities and mentoring the next generation. Through his strong convictions, Don has demonstrated to others that lives can be transformed. He has a unique and wonderful willingness to be outspoken when he senses an injustice. Many of us have been influenced by Don's unwavering principles but, along the way, he has never lost his perspective or his great sense of humor.

Having the chance to impact students in a very positive way lured Don to our community, and with his vision of hope, he has mightily impacted not just our youth, but all of us as well. May his love for community, students and a brighter future through education never end!

RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF "TEAM TRAVIS"

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the enormous contributions of those serving our country at Travis Air Force Base in my home state of California. The 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing, as well as the civilians and families serving at Travis have truly served our community and our Nation with the utmost dignity, honor and courage, and they truly deserve all of our respect.

The members of "Team Travis" have gone above and beyond the call of duty in serving our Nation in missions around the globe. The active duty members and civilians who serve out of Travis have flown hundreds of thousands of hours in a number of military conflicts, as well as humanitarian and peace-keeping missions. Most recently, Team Travis provided search and rescue personnel, medical experts and supplies, and 82,600 pounds of cargo in support of the relief mission following the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

As a congressman representing much of Solano County, California, many members of Team Travis are my constituents, and I can

personally attest that these honorable men and women serve our community with just as much energy and dedication as they do our country. I have seen them volunteering, participating in the community, serving as positive role models for our young people, and so much more.

I am proud to be a lead co-sponsor of this resolution honoring the men and women serving at Travis Air Force Base and I would like to thank my friend and colleague, Representative GARAMENDI, for introducing it. Once again, my deepest thanks to the men and women of Team Travis and I ask that all of my colleagues join me in supporting this important resolution.

IN HONOR OF PAMELA HANLON

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Pamela Hanlon. Ms. Hanlon has devoted herself to others and to her beloved community of Turtle Bay on Manhattan's East Side. This month, her efforts are being honored by the Turtle Bay Association at its annual meeting.

A longtime journalist and public relations professional, Ms. Hanlon has lived in Turtle Bay with her husband, Charles Hanley, since 1976. She began her career as a journalist with the Associated Press, and eventually moved to the field of corporate communications, where she rose to become Vice President for Public Relations at American Express. She has also dedicated herself to the betterment of the community throughout that time, serving on the Board of Directors of the Turtle Bay Association and as Editor of its newsletter, the Turtle Bay News. Ms. Hanlon authored a handsome volume about the postwar history of the famed neighborhood. Her book, Manhattan's Turtle Bay: Story of A Midtown Neighborhood, offers an incisive, engaging look at the charming enclave to which she has been so devoted.

The Turtle Bay neighborhood is one of the most storied in our nation's greatest city, dating back to 1639, when the Dutch rulers of Manhattan Island granted two English settlers a land grant. Turtle Bay's natural beauty was noted by famous Americans from Horace Greeley to Edgar Allan Poe. Today, as the home to the United Nations, Turtle Bay is a fitting symbol of New York City's status as the capital of the world. Famous Turtle Bay residents have included Katherine Hepburn, Walter Cronkite, Kurt Vonnegut, Dorothy Thompson, Derek Jeter, and the brilliant Broadway composer Stephen Sondheim.

For more than half a century, the dedicated members of the Turtle Bay Association have served as passionate and conscientious stewards of one of Manhattan's most celebrated and historic neighborhoods. Its members have conserved their area's low-rise architectural cohesiveness and esthetic beauty by successfully fighting for rezoning efforts. They have also undertaken numerous neighborhood beautification initiatives, and, thanks in large part to Ms. Hanlon's tireless efforts, have kept Association members informed through the publication of regular newsletters.

Madam Speaker, I request that my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Pamela Hanlon, a great New Yorker and a great American, for her devotion and service to the Turtle Bay community and for her contributions to the civic life of our nation's greatest city.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, at the end of the 111th Congress, our distinguished colleague from Hanahan, South Carolina, the Honorable HENRY E. BROWN, JR., will retire from this institution. Congressman HENRY BROWN has served the people of the 1st Congressional District, those living in South Carolina, and this nation with the highest distinction for the past twenty nine years.

His distinguished career in public service began on the Hanahan Planning Commission and City Council in 1981. Four years later, he was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives and he became the first Republican Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. In that capacity, just like President Ronald Reagan, he successfully led the fight for the largest tax cut in the history of the state. It has been his consistent view that the hardworking men and women of South Carolina deserve to keep more of their hard earned money and not the government.

After serving fifteen years in the South Carolina legislature, HENRY BROWN was overwhelmingly elected by the voters of the 1st Congressional District and for the past decade has served on the House Committees on Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure and Veterans' Affairs. He has also served as the Co-Chairman of the Coastal Caucus, Congressional Friends of Canada Caucus, Congressional Shellfish Caucus and the Port Security Caucus.

For the past two Congresses, he has served as the Ranking Republican on the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife. By working in a bipartisan manner with the Chairwoman of that Subcommittee, the Honorable MADELINE Z. BORDALLO of Guam, HENRY BROWN was successful in having at least two of his legislative proposals enacted into law. These include H.R. 3891, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Act Amendments of 2008 and H.R. 1454, the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2010. Congressman BROWN remains hopeful that prior to adjournment this year, the Senate will adopt his bill, H.R. 509, the Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act which passed the House of Representatives last year.

While these represent just a few of the legislative proposals he has championed, his tireless dedication and leadership in sponsoring H.R. 1454 is an excellent example of why the people of the 1st Congressional District in South Carolina have come to know their Representative as a "workhorse" and not a "show horse".

Let me spend just a few minutes talking about H.R. 1454. This is a remarkable bill,